

# Conservation Security Program

**Fact Sheet      Red Lake Watershed      Minnesota, 2005**

## Red Lake Watershed Description

The Red Lake Watershed is located in Northwest Minnesota. It is comprised of parts of Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, and Red Lake Counties.

The major land uses in this watershed are cropland, forestland, pastureland and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The watershed area is a combination of the Red River Valley of the North and the Northern Minnesota Swamps and Lakes resource areas. The topography ranges from nearly level glacial lake plain to outwash, gravelly beaches and dunes on the eastern border of the lake plain.

Primary crops grown include small grains, sugar beets, corn and soybeans. Other crops include sunflowers, potatoes, and vegetables. Pastureland is located in wet or stony areas, and the primary forage species are Kentucky bluegrass, redtop, Canada bluegrass and Canada bluejoint on uplands and reed canarygrass in wet sites.

The soils range from deep, poorly drained, fine and medium textured soils in the lake plain part of the watershed to gently sloping, well-drained soils on the former beach ridges and shorelines. Organic soils occur in wetter depressional areas.

## Watershed Statistics

The total estimated area in the watershed is 850,900 acres. Cropland covers about 462,500 acres, and pastureland covers about 59,700 acres. There are about 1,100 farms in the watershed.

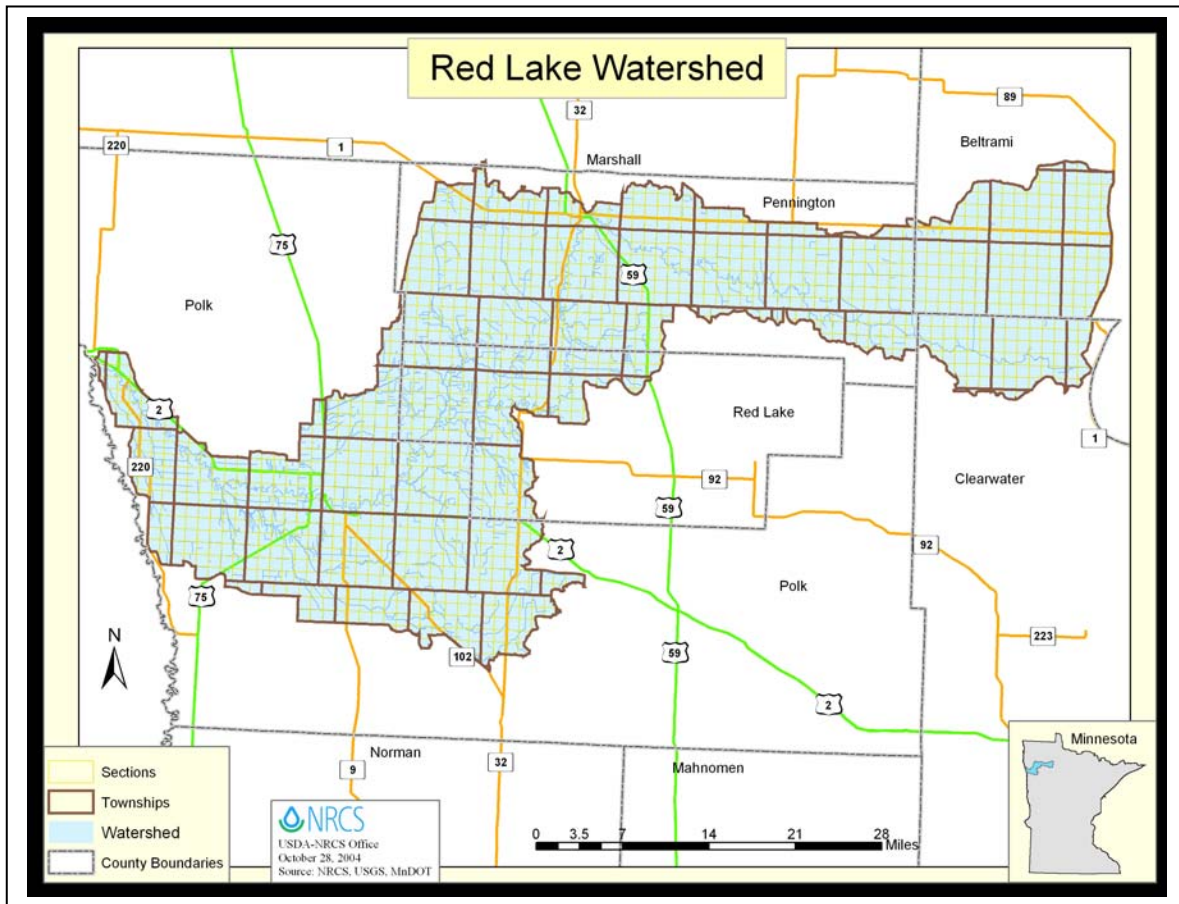
## For More Information

For more information about CSP, visit the local USDA Service Center located in your county. Information is also available on the web at <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/csp.html>. Producers may contact Randy Huelskamp, watershed coordinator for the Red Lake watershed or the NRCS district conservationist located in your county.

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Land Use (Acres)	Red Lake Watershed
Cropland	462,800
Pasture	59,700
Forest	173,500
Developed	20,600
Water	7,800
Other	126,800
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>850,900</b>
<b>Total Number of Farms</b>	<b>1,103</b>

